

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 6
(EAST MONTROSE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

September 16, 2009

Determine quorum; call to order.

The Board of Directors of Harris County Improvement District No. 6 held a regular meeting, open to the public, on the 16th day of September, 2009, in the 1st floor meeting room of the Freed-Montrose Neighborhood Library, 4100 Montrose Blvd., Houston, Texas, at 3:00 p.m., inside the boundaries of the District, and Chairman Grover called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. and the roll was called of the duly appointed members of the Board, to-wit:

Position 1: Kathy Hubbard
Position 2: Claude Wynn
Position 3: Michael Grover, *Chairman*
Position 4: Tom Fricke
Position 5: Brad Nagar, *Secretary*
Position 6: Jerry Simoneaux

Position 7: Tammy Manning
Position 8: Allen Ueckert
Position 9: David Robinson
Position 10: Randall Ellis, *Vice Chairman*
Position 11: Gary Wingfield

and all of the above were present with the exception of Directors Ellis and Fricke, thus constituting a quorum. Also present at the meeting were Josh Hawes and Gretchen Larson of Hawes Hill Calderon, L.L. P.; Clark Lord, Vinson and Elkins, L.L.P.; Mark Burton, Municipal Accounts & Consulting, L.L.P.; Jeron Raven, City Councilmember Wanda Adams' Office; and Jason Ginsburg, Montrose Crawl.

Receive public comments.

There were no public comments.

Approve of minutes of previous meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Wynn and being seconded by Director Hubbard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2009 Board meeting.

Receive financial report and pay invoices presented for payment.

Mr. Burton briefed the Board and reviewed the financials included in the Board packets.

It was noted that the off-duty Houston Police Department officers who staff the District's security patrol will each receive IRS Form 1099s for their compensation from the District. Upon a motion duly made by Director Robinson and being seconded by Director Ueckert, the Board voted unanimously to accept the financial report and pay bills.

Receive Assessment Collection Report and Billing and Assessment Summary.

Mr. Josh Hawes reported that the assessments for the current tax year are 90% collected. He said that a delinquent accounts report is due this week from Perdue Brandon, the District's collections attorneys. He noted that some of the lawsuits regarding assessment values have been settled with the Harris County Appraisal District. No action was taken.

Receive and consider Public Safety Patrol Activity Report for the month of August:

Director Nagar reported that the committee did not meet this month. He noted that bulletins are being placed in the patrol car about crime and security reports that the District receives. He reported that restaurants in the area of Taft and Fairview have asked for additional security patrols and that residential burglaries are on the rise.

Mr. Hawes circulated a photo album documenting the graffiti abatement that has been performed in the District. It was noted that the graffiti abatement program is considerably over-budget for the year. Mr. Hawes explained that much of the graffiti is of a recurring nature and is not gang-related. Thus, it has required additional attention. Mr. Hawes said that staff will review and analyze the impact on the overall District budget of the additional expenditures for the graffiti abatement program. No action was taken.

Receive report and consider recommendations from Business Development Committee report with regard to the following:

a.) Receive and consider recommendation regarding the refurbishment of the District website;

Ms. Larson addressed the Board and said the Committee reviewed two options of using either (a.) outside consultants or (b.) in-house capabilities to refurbish the website. The Committee recommends that the Board approve the in-house option which includes a one-time cost of \$3,500.00 for a one-time District website refurbishment and \$200.00 per month for website hosting, updates and maintenance.

b.) Receive update on the Greater Houston Partnership membership;

Ms. Larson said that two District Board members attended Greater Houston Partnership (GHP) orientation meetings earlier today. She indicated that an email will be distributed as to which management districts are participating on the various GHP committees. She invited Board members to become involved at any time.

c.) Receive and consider recommendations regarding Montrose Crawl Advertising.

Mr. Ginsburg of the Montrose Crawl addressed the Board and thanked the Board for underwriting the cost of several off-duty HPD officers for traffic control on the night of the event. He also requested funding in the amount of \$775.00 for event promotion. Mr. Ginsburg said that \$500.00 would be used to purchase a one-half page color advertisement in the Free Press Houston newspaper, along with two email and Facebook blasts. He said that \$275.00 would be used for printed materials such as posters and leaflets. He explained that the District's name would be included in all promotional materials and that 10 percent of the proceeds from the event will go to support the Houston Area Women's Center.

It was confirmed that a business located within the District is participating in the Crawl and that the promotional materials would be posted inside of various area establishments. Mr. Lord noted that the District's funds are for public improvements and cautioned against supporting types of activities that may benefit private businesses. Mr. Hawes said the Committee is aware of these concerns and that it views the event as an opportunity to increase awareness of the District. Upon a motion duly made by Director Wynn and being seconded by Director Wingfield, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Committee's recommendation regarding the in-house refurbishment and hosting/maintenance of the District's website and to approve the expenditure of \$775.00 for the 2009 Montrose Crawl.

Receive report with regard to the establishment and organization HCID #11.

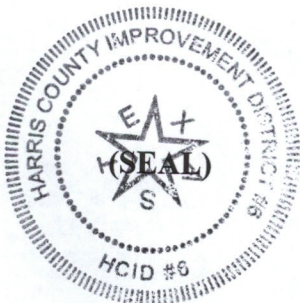
Mr. Hawes briefed the Board, noting that 18 of the necessary 25 petitions have been signed. He said work is ongoing to obtain additional petitions. No action was taken.

Receive Executive Director's Monthly Report on Action Initiatives in Support of the District's Service Plan.

Mr. Hawes said that staff is sending numerous violation reports to the City and is actively monitoring streetlight operations, sidewalk conditions and illegal trash dumping. He agreed to research the demolition status of two buildings that have burned recently. He also informed the Board that Hawes Hill Calderon has purchased a table for the September 23, 2009 Mayoral Forum and invited Board members to attend. No action was taken.

Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Grover adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.




~~Secretary~~, Board of Directors
Chairman